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In re Appln. of: Darin Schaeffer et al.Appln. No.: 10/712,420Filed: November 12, 2003For: ELECTROPOLISHING APPARATUS AND
METHOD FOR MEDICAL IMPLANTSAttorney Docket No: 8627-327 (PA-5445-RFB)Examiner: Alexander,
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- ☒ Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form 1449 (4p) in dupl.; Copy of cited refs as required.
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

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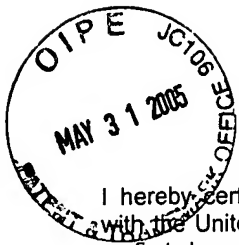
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), Applicant hereby cites the following reference(s):

U.S. DOCUMENTS

U.S. Patent No.	Issued	Patentee/Applicant/Assignee
6,299,755 B1	10/09/01	Richter
6,375,826 B1	07/23/02	Wang et al.

FOREIGN DOCUMENTS

Foreign Patent	Date Published	Patentee/Applicant/Assignee
EP 1 369 099 A2	12/10/2003	Anopol Limited
JP 59205220	11/20/84	Hitachi Plant Eng & Constr. Co. Ltd.

Other Art – Non-Patent Literature Documents

Copy of International Search Report from corresponding PCT Application No. PCT/US2004/037164, dated 5/4/2005, 3 pages.
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Applicant is enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

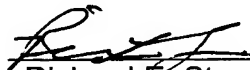
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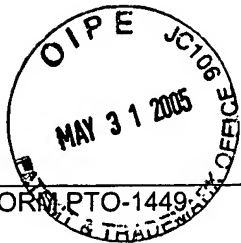
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REFERENCE DESIGNATION U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	B1	6,299,755 B1	10/09/01	Richter	205/651	07/98
	B2	6,375,826 B1	04/23/02	Wang et al.	205/684	2/00

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EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES OR NO
	B3	EP 1 369 099 A2	12/10/03	EPO		yes
	B4	59205220	11/20/84	JP		abstract

EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS (Include name of author, title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	
	B5	Copy of International Search Report from corresponding PCT application No. PCT/US2004/037164 dated 5/4/2005, 3 pages.

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